

REMARKS

The Office Action dated 03/15/2005 has been carefully reviewed.

The Office Action requires restriction to one of the following designated inventions:

- I. Claims 1-13 and 35-42, drawn to a surgical anchor;
- II. Claims 43-44, drawn to a method of securing soft tissue of a patient to bone of the patient.

Applicant provisionally elects Invention designation **I**,
Claims 1-13 and 35-42, drawn to a surgical anchor.

The Office Action also requires an election of species between:

- I. Figures 1-3;
- II. Figures 4a, 4b,
- III. Figures 5a, 5b,
- IV. Figures 6a, 6b.

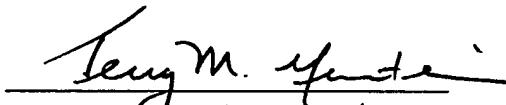
Applicant provisionally elects species designation **III**.

Figures 5a, 5b.

Applicant provisionally designates the following claims as readable on the elected species: Claims 1-9, 35-38, 41-42 and newly added Claims 47-48.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that this application is now in condition for an examination on the merits. Accordingly, review and allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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